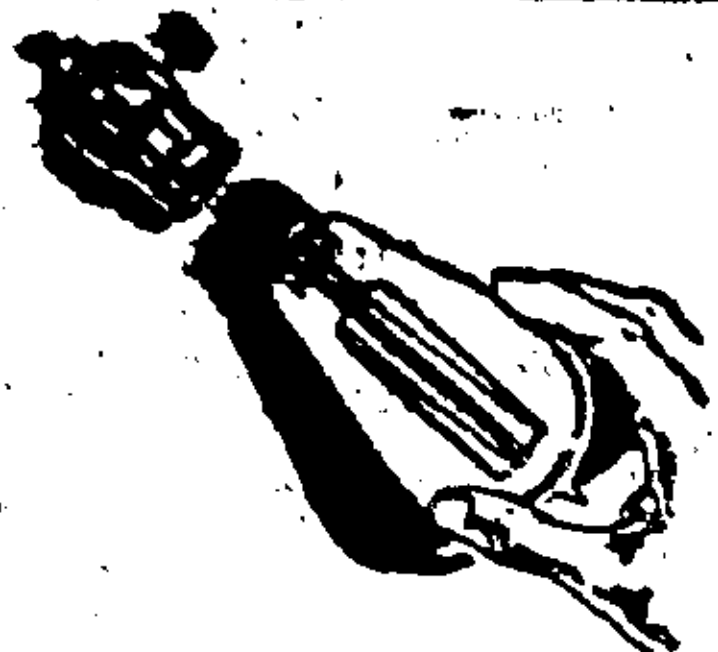




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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

ITEMS FROM GERMANY.

EX-KAISERIN DYING.

Berlin, April 13.

The *Tages Zeitung* says that the ex-Kaiserin is dying. A sentry shot and killed an American named De Mott who was attempting to escape from prison at Wesel, which he was awaiting death sentence. The *Frankfurter* denounces "the murder by soldiery who were afraid of the annulment of the death sentence."

THE IRISH STRIKE.

MORE SERIOUS THAN EXPECTED.

London, April 13.

The strike stoppage in Ireland is more serious than anticipated. Instead of one day, it will continue till the prisoners are released. Railway and other transport is practically at a standstill. The streets in Dublin are crowded with an idled procession numbering a thousand. Postmen have closed the doors of the Post Office and prevented their being reopened. They have not interfered with the telegraphs. The Trade Unions in Belfast and North Ireland have ignored the order to strike.

GOVERNMENT STANDS FIRM.

London, April 13.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Clynes, Mr. Bonar Law emphasised that the conditions in Ireland, where murder was rife, necessitated arrests on suspicion in order to protect people's lives. The Government felt it their duty to continue the practice—(Cheers)—but this would be futile if the men were released because they refused food—(Cheers). Suicides in these circumstances would be very deplorable, but to give the impression that political action in the House of Commons might alter the decision of the Government was likely to increase to danger.

LATEST NEWS.

London, April 13.

Owing to the swelling crowd at Mountjoy Prison, Dublin, the military has been reinforced by three tanks and several armoured cars. Barbed wire has been erected. In the House of Commons, on the adjournment, the Irish Attorney General stated that the general strike was substantially operative in the south and west but not the north of Ireland. The railways in the west and south were not working but conditions were practically normal on the Great Northern Railway. A substantial number of Post Office officials had struck but a number of Post Officers in Dublin were working. Ordinary business in Dublin was held up and a great many hotels and shops were closed. It is hoped the evening's debate will clear the air.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS.

ENCOURAGING PRESS COMMENTS.

London, April 13.

Morning papers, commenting on the House of Commons debate, point out that although Anglo-French differences have not yet been completely settled, decisive progress has been made. The *Times* writes: "France may have committed a breach of diplomatic etiquette, but in substance she did the best thing, not only for herself but for all the Allies, teaching a lesson to the German Government and Militarists." The *Daily Telegraph* understands that M. Millerand has given the assurances desired by the British Government, and emphasised that the outcome of the negotiations is not victory for any side but the triumph of reason. The *Daily Mail* says that the rift in the Entente is practically closed. The *Daily Express* says that candour and frank dealing have been possible and even helpful for the Entente which has emerged from the test with its purposes fortified. The *Daily Chronicle* says that the practical value of the San Remo meeting depends on the success obtained in reaching specific decisions and in clearly planning out the Allies' co-operation.

GERMAN WAR MATERIAL.

AN IMPORTANT ALLIED CONFERENCE.

Paris, April 13.

An important conference took place last evening with regard to the technical means of securing the carrying out of the Treaty of Versailles with regard to the delivery and destruction of German war material, especially of artillery. Mr. Winston Churchill, M. Le Ferre, the French War Minister, Marshal Foch, and General Weygand were present. Complete agreement was reached on all points of principle and also as regards the necessity of increasing the number of French and British officers employed on this work by the Inter-Allied Control Commission in Germany.

AN ARMENIAN APPEAL.

London, April 13.

An Armenian delegation appeals for the despatch of inter-Allied forces to Cilicia and urges that refugees be sent to Cyprus. The destruction of further villages is announced. Adana and Mersina are threatened. French officials are repatriating their families. Cilicia is isolated owing to the destruction of the telegraphs.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

London, April 14.

The Board of Trade returns show that the imports during March totalled £177,000,000, being an increase of £71,000,000, compared with March of last year. Exports totalled £104,000,000, being an increase of £51,000,000, compared with March last year and £62,000,000 in March 1913. The principal increases in imports over March last year were—Raw cotton, £28,000,000; grain and flour, £11,000,000. The principal increase in exports were—Cotton manufactures, £15,000,000.

ANOTHER MINERS' STRIKE?

London, April 13.

The miners' ballot in favour of a strike in South Wales has resulted in a majority of 69,000. There are small anti-strike majorities in Glamorgan and the Forest of Dean.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

U.S. STRIKES.

NEW MEASURE AIMED AT AGITATORS.

Washington, April 13.

In the Senate, Senator Poindexter introduced a Bill making all persons advising or requesting others to join strikes interfering with inter-State commerce, liable to two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000. The measure has been referred to the Inter-State Committee.

SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS.

New York, April 13.

Whilst the railway strike appears to be dying down in the Middle West, the situation in the East and South has become worse. The number of strikers has increased, causing a serious stoppage of traffic and the closing down of industries depending on the railways. The conditions in New York have become worse owing to a decrease in the arrivals of food supplies. The townspeople in many places are volunteering assistance.

IRISH WOMEN TO BE TRIED.

Washington, April 13.

Altogether ten women have been arrested for picketing outside the British Embassy. They will be tried by the Federal Grand Jury.

AUSTRIAN AND BULGARIAN TREATIES.

THE QUESTION OF SMALL STATES AND ARMAMENTS.

London, April 14.

In the House of Commons, moving the second reading of the Bill carrying into effect the Austrian and Bulgarian Treaties, Mr. Harmsworth emphasised the difficulties as regards Austria owing to the break-up. He claimed that the Treaty was in some respects lenient and even indulgent. The shrinkage in the Austrian Empire was due to the fact that many nationalities had desired to secede. The principle of self-determination had not been greatly violated, although the German population, numbering a quarter of a million in the Tyrol were included within the new frontier of Italy. This was due to the principle of strategic necessity. The situation on the Jugo-Slav frontier was, momentarily, too delicate for profitable discussion. The Conference had gone to the greatest trouble in providing for Austrian coal interests. As regards reparations he said that since the Armistice the Allies had acted with unparalleled magnanimity towards their late enemies. It was not believed that the indemnity demanded from Bulgaria was excessive or that methods of execution were embarrassing. The most important Article of the Treaty was that of giving Bulgaria access to the Aegean, which had not yet been definitely settled.

Mr. Asquith said that no State in Europe had less justification for joining the Central Powers than Bulgaria at the most critical moment of the war. Bulgaria bore a heavy responsibility for the prolongation of the war and therefore, the Powers generally had not dealt harshly therewith. He warned against the risk of the Balkanisation of Austria and criticised the absence of provisions for commercial intercourse between the new States. It was all important that we should create economic unity. He urged that the Reparation Committee should carefully and promptly define the amount payable by Austria, and the Allies should insist on the disarmament of the new States with a view to safeguarding the peace of Eastern Europe.

Mr. Bonar Law, replying to the debate, agreed that it was deplorable the way small States were being treated, but they were independent States and any attempt to limit armaments would not be tolerated. He admitted that without some limitation of armaments the war would largely have been fought in vain. The League of Nations was embodied in these Treaties and it was the duty of the Government to do its utmost to make the League effective.

SHORT SHRIFT FOR CHICAGO STRIKERS.

Chicago, April 13.

The District Attorney has informed the strike leaders that if the strikers do not return the Government will support the managements in discharging the men.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTON GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

THE INJUNCTION AGAINST DR. WU TING-FANG.

Shanghai, April 13.

By decision of the British Court to-day, the interim injunction made by Chang Shih-chao to prevent Dr. Wu Ting-fang from withdrawing money from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in his name, remains over until Monday. The money is referred to as Southern Government funds amounting to fifteen lakhs of dollars. Dr. Wu Ting-fang is arriving on Friday morning.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FOR HONGKONG.

Singapore, April 15.

The British yacht *Sapphire* has arrived here from Southampton for Hongkong having on board Viscount and Viscountess Furness, Countess Drogheda, Lady Sarah Wilson and party.

POLITICAL MEETINGS BANNED.

Shanghai, April 15.

The Municipal Council has forbidden political meetings. Students are lecturing but there are no demonstrations to-day. The strike is evidently falling out.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE CHINA STATION.

London, April 13.

The *Times* says the announcement of the appointment of Rear Admiral Borrett as Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze indicates a reduction in the establishment of officers of flag and commodore rank on the China Station. When the present organisation was introduced a year ago for the post-war fleet in China it was expected that a large force would be maintained in those waters, for example, the battle cruiser *New Zealand*, mentioned as the future flagship on the conclusion of her Empire tour with Lord Jellicoe but she has not been allocated to this duty in the appendix showing the new fleet organisation issued with Churchill's memorandum on navy estimates. There is of course no question of any breach of faith although the Imperial Defence Conference, 1909, decided the *New Zealand* should be stationed on the China Station. It was announced by Churchill in March, 1913, that in response to the suggestion of the Admiralty, the Government of New Zealand agreed to the ship being stationed wherever the Imperial Government considered her services most valuable and she was consequently attached to the first battle cruiser squadron in the North Sea. The strength of the fleet on the China Station as revised is thus numerically very similar to 1914, namely, 39 pennants compared with 36 pre-war. After May 6 the only difference from pre-war organisation commands will be the employment of a rear admiral on the Yangtze instead of a captain.

THE U.S. RAILWAY STRIKE.

New York, April 12.

The strength of the "outlaw" Unions is waning in the Central States and the Far West, but the ranks of the strikers on the Atlantic seaboard have increased and are threatening completely to paralyse passenger as well as goods traffic.

Pittsburg, April 13.

An absolute embargo on freight shipments has been announced by the Pennsylvania Railway.

REVOLUTION IN GUATEMALA.

Washington, April 13.

A revolution has broken out in Guatemala, the opponents of President Cabrera having gained control of Guatemala city after street fighting. The United States cruiser *Tacoma* has landed marines to protect foreign interests.

Washington, April 15.

A message from Guatemala, says that many non-combatants were killed by the shell-fire on Cabrera's forces which are bombarding the city since Thursday. The city is undefended, except for volunteers armed with rifles. Cabrera's troops are entrenched at La Palma. Another telegram states that the Cabrera Government has been overthrown, and Carlos Herrera has been made President.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS.

Paris, April 12.

M. Leon Bourgeois presided yesterday in Paris at the fourth sitting of the League of Nations. The French papers and official circles are confident in an early accord being reached with the British. Conciliatory Notes exchanged, yesterday, between London and Paris may bring the difficulty to an end. The text of the British Note has been published. It is intimated that the only point on which Great Britain now requires assurance is whether France will agree in future to submit her plans to the Allied Governments. The French Government is confident that a close perusal of the diplomatic correspondence between the Allied Governments will prove that ample notice of France's intentions was given before the signal for advance was sent to General Degoutte's troops.—*Havas*.

Paris, April 13.

Lord Derby, the British Ambassador in Paris, attended a session of the Council of Ambassadors held yesterday at the Quai d'Orsay. M. Jules Cambon presiding. The officials consider that the cloud of disturbed international relations has passed away. The Entente Cordiale between the Powers is as strong and effective as during the war. Lord Derby had an interview with M. Millerand. The French Premier assured him that the French troops will retire from the occupied towns when the Germans have withdrawn their surplus troops from the Ruhr area. M. Millerand had an interview, yesterday, with President Deschanel and made a statement, this afternoon, in the Chamber of Deputies.—*Havas*.

KURDS SHOOT DOWN AVIATORS.

Rome, April 15.

A message from Bagdad of April 11th says that Captain Ranza, who was flying to Bagdad, was shot down by rebel Kurds, not Arabs, fifty kilometres from Aleppo. The pilot was not injured, but was taken prisoner and liberated after three days fighting by the Arabs, who recaptured the machine which was slightly damaged.

EX-GERMAN VESSELS SOLD.

Washington, April 15.

All German vessels taken over by the Government in war-time have been sold to private interests. The Shipping Board has sold 28 vessels for \$21,751,065, including eleven ex-German vessels, in the week ending April 10th.

THE STRIKE.

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS.

We have received the following for publication—

Sir,—It may be confidently stated that the average resident of Hongkong is in favour of the present method of handling the strike, which only results in its becoming more widespread.

May I suggest that the amount of increase of pay which is fair and just to the various grades of men in the various Companies concerned be ascertained, as soon as possible, by the prompt appointment by the Government of three Commissioners (under Ordinance 13 of 1836) consisting of a Judge of the Supreme Court, an Accountant, and a Chinese Member, for the purpose of considering and reporting early on the question?

When we have got that Report, we shall be working in the light instead of in the dark, and shall be able to judge for ourselves as to the reasonableness of the men's demands.

Yours etc.

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Princes' Buildings, 16th April, 1920.

There is no fresh development in the situation to-day. The Peak Tramway has been running to-day, although the service is not normal.

DAY BY DAY.

The anti-Japanese boycott is being revived in Canton, a Native Goods Improvement Association being formed in order to again investigate "low grade" goods.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 3rd April, amounted to 86,946 tons and the sales during the period, to 76,972 tons.

Motor car No. 178 ran into a ricksha at Queen's Road near the Naval Yard yesterday, slightly injuring the passenger and damaging the ricksha. The coolie escaped unhurt.

The American Consul General, Mr. George E. Anderson, sails on the s.s. *Columbia* on the 21st of this month for a stay of from four-and-a-half to five months in the United States, on leave of absence. The Consul General will be in charge of Mr. Leighton Hope, senior Vice-Consul.

The attention of readers is drawn to the fact that in connection with the meeting for the formation of an Aviation Club, to be held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Buildings on Tuesday next, the time of the meeting has been changed from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is the hope of the Chamber that not only will there be a large attendance of persons interested in aviation but also of airmen who have returned to the Colony from active service.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 4s. 7 1/4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Fair. Barometer:—29.94. Temperature 2 p.m.:—78. Humidity 2 p.m.:—70.

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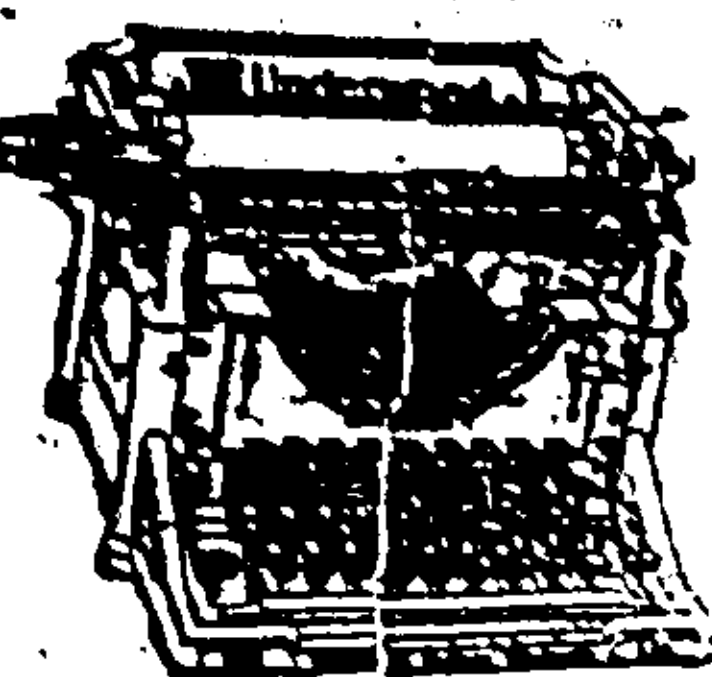
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PENNY POST BY AIR?

The London-Paris Air Mail, established by Mr. Holt Thomas, has just completed its first six months' service. In Mr. Thomas's absence from London—he is enjoying a very well-earned holiday on the Riviera—Mr. Harry Harper, one of his lieutenants, discussed recently with a representative of The Observer, the record of the six months, and the problems of the present, and some interesting hopes for the future.

"In the twenty-six weeks," he said, "we scheduled 373 flights, to and from Paris. Of these we managed to complete 303. The sixty-eight which had either to be cancelled or in which the machines did not reach their destination, were handicapped by the one adverse condition which still prevents flying, namely, the obscuring of the route by thick mists or fogs.

"This condition is not irremediable. We can see the time coming, ever by next winter, when scientific organisation will enable us to fly safely on days when at present it is unreasonably hazardous to ask a pilot to fly.

"THE FIGHT AGAINST FOG." "The whole of our technical staff are now concentrated upon combating fog." There are two problems to be solved. The first is when a pilot has ascended above the fog bank into clear air to guide him accurately to his destination. The second is, when he has arrived above his aerodrome, to guide him down through the fog and to be also certain of a safe landing on ground which the fog may be obscuring heavily.

"What we are actually doing to-day is to find by experiment the perfected commercial system of directional wireless and also a simplified wireless telephone which a pilot can use quite easily while he is controlling his machine. In both of these directions our technical staff are confident of success, although a good deal more experimental work is still necessary.

"We are also making experiments with various systems of aerodrome illumination both for night flying, which will shortly become absolutely necessary in the carriage of long-distance Continental mails, and also to maintain a service in fog. The main point is to find by tests a form of light-ray which will penetrate farthest in fog and then to arrange the lights on an aerodrome in such a way that they will be most helpful to the pilot.

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"THREE-PARTING LETTERS." "Although the experimental charges for an air-mail letter were fixed at half-a-crown, experience has shown that if an aeroplane could be given a full load of mail, the fee can be very greatly reduced. If the Post Office guaranteed the service a daily load from London to Paris of 600 lb. of mails they could be carried by air at a cost of only a penny a letter, whilst with a guarantee of 800 lb. of mail, the cost of aerial transport per letter could be brought as low as three farthings. This cost would be exclusive of express collection and delivery on land.

"As soon as airways are fully arranged for night flying, we are looking forward to the carriage of mails in bulk from London to continental cities as far distant as Rome and Madrid. To-day, letters posted in London on Monday for Rome are not delivered until Thursday. If carried by the night air mail they would reach their destination and be delivered on Tuesday. With the guarantee of a full load this acceleration in the service could be obtained at a very small excess fee over and above the ordinary rates of postage.

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NEW FRANCHISE BILL.

VOTES FOR WOMEN OF 21.

In the House of Commons on February 27th, Mr. Grady (Rother Valley, Lab.) moved the second reading of the Representation of the People Bill. He said it would amend the Act of 1918, and confer the franchise on women on exactly the same terms as men. The age limit of 30 years for women would be reduced to 21 years, the limit which applied to men. The Bill sought to secure political equality not only between the sexes, but between all classes. It was proposed to abolish the occupational qualification and the qualification of women as wives of local government electors, and to place the whole franchise for both sexes and for both Parliamentary and local government purposes on the single basis of residence, except in the case of university electors. The effect of restricting the woman's Parliamentary vote to women who had reached the age of 30 had been to keep off the register the great mass of industrial working women. The vote was given to women in 1918 as a recognition of their industrial services during the war. He placed their right to vote on an equality with men on a higher plane than that. But only about one in 15 of the industrial working women were enfranchised under the Act of 1918. Many industrial working women were under 30, and many over that age had not the necessary local government qualification. Ninety per cent. of women at present on the register were wives, and single women were still largely disfranchised. A section of the Bill remedied the injustice done to naval and military voters who received the vote at 18, and then on being demobilized before the age of 21 ceased to be registered as voters. The Bill restricted the right of the voter to voting once for any constituency in which he had a residence qualification. The result would be to abolish the business vote. The general effect of the provisions would be that political power would depend not on business or occupation or householding, but on residence. A man would receive a vote because he was a member of the nation and resided in the community, and a woman would receive a vote for the same reason, and would not depend on her husband's qualification. The registration fee charged to electors in university constituencies, which was a hardship on poor students, it was proposed to abolish. For the remarkable work which women did in the time of the nation's need during the war, in munition factories, in hospitals, dispensaries and sanatoria, and in many other spheres, the country owed them a debt which it could never pay, not even by giving them the franchise at the age of 21 years. He asked for support for the Bill also on the ground that women were equal to men in ability and intelligence, and would use the vote with the same common-sense as characterised the electors. (Cries of "More," and laughter.) There was no sphere in which women were not on an equality with men. They held similar scholastic degrees, and in medicine, science, art, literature, and languages competed successfully with men. In local administration women were doing good work. As their help was required in time of war, so it was needed in the time of national rebuilding. The proportion of women voters who had exercised the franchise showed that they realised their responsibility and appreciated the right to have a voice in national affairs. They had sent one lady member to the House, whose presence added grace and charm to the Assembly, and who earlier in this week had delivered an educational

and helpful speech. (Hear, hear.) If women would return more of the gifted and talented members of their sex to Parliament it would be for the welfare of the country. Viscountess Astor (Sutton, Plymouth, C.U.), who was receiving cheers, said she had not intended to speak, but she felt, after hearing the debate, that some one really ought to say something on behalf of the men; there had been so many gallant defenders of the female sex. (Laughter.) She admired the courage of the hon. member for St. Rollox (Mr. G. Murray). He had only said what a lot of members thought, but had not got the courage to say. (Laughter.) He was, however, deplorably wrong. It was not for the sake of the women that she wanted the Bill; it was for the sake of the country. If she thought this country was entirely governed by material considerations she should say—Take the votes away from the men. But it was not so. Women brought into public life a private life a sort of moral courage which the men needed, and with all due respect to the men, she thought they liked it. (Laughter.) As to the argument about age, they all knew that woman at the age of 18 was far older and wiser in many ways than the man at 25. (Cheers and laughter.) Women developed sooner, and they grew older, sooner, and it was only natural that at 10 they should be wiser than a man at 25. Some hon. members were frightened of women forming themselves into a sort of sex combination. They could not do it. Women disagreed among themselves just as much as the men. (Laughter.) There were a great many women who were not pressing for the franchise but women who were a little more advanced must help them on. The country never in its life needed women's courage more than it did now. She only wished hon. members could see the letters she had received since her maiden speech. It would be an eye-opener. There were thousands of these letters, and they were on a high level, and of such hope, both spiritual and material. One hon. member had referred to the Plymouth by-election as a sort of circus. She could tell him that the lady who was elected was not the clown. (Loud laughter.) She was not frightened to talk at Plymouth about the things that really affected men. She was not afraid to bring religion into the election. That was not very much like a circus. (Hear, hear.) If there were more women than men in the country that was all the more reason why women should have more representation. (Hear, hear.) The people who did not want women in public life were too late. There were certain reforms that women wanted, and they were going to get them, for men's sakes as well as for their own sakes. She was so fond of men, and that was why she wanted more women to have the vote. (Laughter.) It was really their love for men that made women want to help men in public life as well as in private life. (Cheers.) Something had been said about the abolition of the double vote, but she did not think that was any objection to the Bill. She had not found that those who possessed material things were better citizens than those who did not possess them. She put citizenship on a higher plane than material possessions. Very often the possession of the things of this world made us very callous to the things that really mattered. (Cheers.) There was no reason to fear women. They were reasonable. Fear never won anything. We did not win the war by fear. As to prohibition, if the country were ripe for that change we should have it, but she did not think it was yet ripe for it. If, however, hon. members could see to-day announced her candidacy for the Republican nomination

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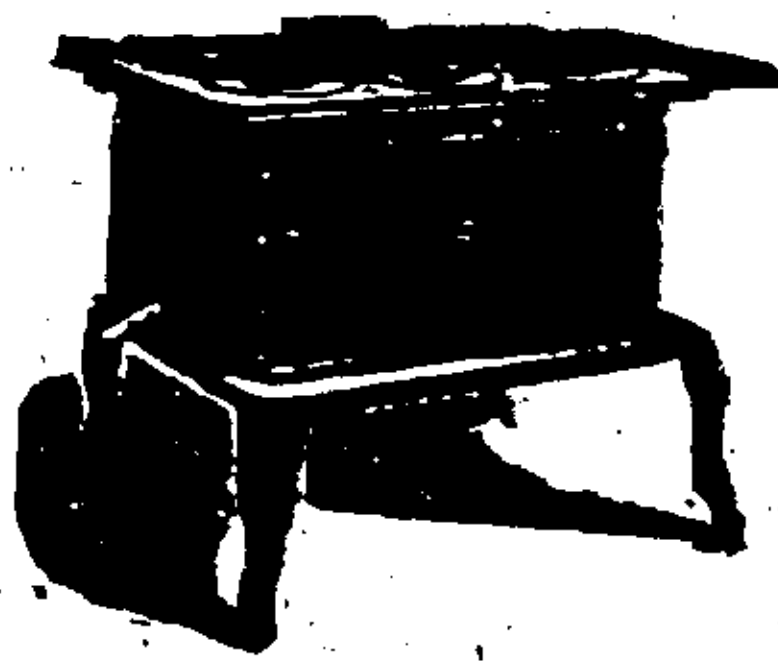
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AMERICAN ITEMS.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 5.—A blizzard in Missouri yesterday destroyed the entire peach, apple cherry and plum crops. Millions of dollars damage was suffered, according to reports to the state board of agriculture.

Cleveland, O., April 4.—"The Japanese birth rate in California is so high and the standard of living so low that any immigration policy other than exclusion, would result in the ultimate destruction of the American population in the west, if not in the whole United States," said Y. S. McClatchy, publisher of the Sacramento, California Bee, in a speech here to-day. "The Japanese have neither the ability, power nor desire, under their government to become welcome citizens."

Washington, April 4.—Anne Martin, widely known woman suffrage advocate, who was defeated several years ago for United States Senator in Nevada, to-day announced her candidacy for the Republican nomination

for Senator in Nevada. Her platform opposes the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations.

Washington, April 3.—Up to date the population of 253 out of the approximately 14,000 incorporated cities, towns and villages in the United States announced by the census bureau, practically all showed increases, while some more than doubled in population. Some of the larger cities, including Chicago and New Orleans are being prepared for the announcement of the population. The New York portfolios are almost all in.

Washington, April 4.—Government expenditures exceeded all revenue by more than \$200,000,000 during the first nine months of the last fiscal year, according to a statement made public to-day by Congressman Mondell of Wyoming. Republican floor leader in the House. "Reduction of the floating debt by \$706,000,000 during the month of March was only a temporary improvement," the statement said. "Disaster cannot be avoided until we stop public expenditures within the incomes of the Government."

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

ASSOCIATION'S THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong was held at the City Hall yesterday evening. There was a moderate attendance, due in part to the disorganisation of the Peak tram service.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock presided and with him were the following members of the Committee: Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. D. K. Moss, Mr. E. A. M. Williams (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin (Hon. Secretary).

After the Hon. Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said—Gentlemen, during the course of this past year we have presented the members with two reports—one was an interim report of the Committee, dated December 19th of last year, in which we reminded you of the meeting which was held in the Theatre and at which three resolutions were passed with reference to constitutional reform. The first of these resolutions was that as regards to the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, other than the two Chinese nominated members, the principle of election instead of nomination should be applied; secondly that the number of Unofficial members should be increased from six to nine and that the number of Official members should remain as at present, namely eight; and, thirdly, that of the seven elected Unofficial members, all of whom should be British subjects, one should be elected by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, one by the Justices of the Peace, four (three of whom shall be of British race and one of Portuguese race), by the British subjects who are jurymen, or qualified for but exempt from jury service, and one by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce or some other body representative of the Chinese community. Well, gentlemen, in connection with that resolution which was passed at the Theatre, as you will see from the report of the Committee, which is now in your hands before you, a despatch from the Committee waited upon H. E. the Governor upon the subject of Constitutional reform, on the 14th of February this year, and found His Excellency sympathetic upon the question of first of all the principle of election as against nomination and, secondly, the principle of a wider electorate. His Excellency the Governor has since addressed a despatch to the Secretary of State upon the subject and, gentlemen, in view of His Excellency's being in sympathy with some, at all events, of the objects which were approved of by the meeting held at the Theatre last year, I think we may reasonably hope that some measure of constitutional reform will, before many months are over, be accorded to the citizens of this Colony. (Applause.) But, gentlemen, as you know, this Association does not confine itself merely to questions of the reform of the constitution, but, as expressed in our rules, we deal with subjects of public interest connected with the Colony; and amongst these recently we have dealt with a problem which is of supreme importance, namely, the housing reform question—and as you will see from the report before you, I have addressed certain observations to the Government upon this subject. I think I need not deal with all the points referred to there. I will just deal with one or two. For instance, taking the first point, the granting of loans at a low rate of interest to persons desiring to build houses. Well, gentlemen, as you will have gathered, the Government has met us more than half way upon this point and the Government has appointed a committee to consider this question of advancing loans at low rate of interest to persons desiring to build houses, and I might inform you that that Committee has already begun its labours. I am not able, of course, to make any statement to you on the subject, because our proposals have not assumed at present a concrete shape, and after they have assumed a concrete shape, they will, of course, naturally have to be submitted to the Government. Our second proposal, which is aimed at the development of building facilities in Kowloon, is

that the whole of King's Park, with the exception of the present golf links, which will be left as an open space, should be developed for building purposes. I am sure we all feel that the Kowloon housing question is a very pressing one and I am able to state from my own personal experience that the Kowloon Residents' Association is doing a very valuable work in that connection—(applause)—and we do not at all propose, in this Association, to in any way take the good work out of the hands of that Association. They are in communication—close communication—with the Government, and the Kowloon Residents' Association are receiving figures from the Government with reference to certain terraces and other places in Kowloon with regard to which rents are said to be excessive, and I would ask members of the public who are interested in the matter to have a little patience. It is quite obvious that the Kowloon Residents' Association cannot deal with the large numbers of figures in the course of a day, or even in the course of a few days. I have no doubt that when they have had an opportunity of considering the figures supplied to them the Kowloon Residents' Association will be able to put before the Government their case with regard to the reduction of rent. Of course it is quite obvious that no body, either the Kowloon Residents' Association or anybody else, can approach the Government with regard to taking any definite action until they are in full possession of all the facts and figures relating to the alleged profiteering, and until they have had a full opportunity of analysing the figures. Another point which we have taken into consideration and which we have recommended is the abolition of farming in the case of the European type of houses, and another point is the cheapening of the cost of houses by lessening the minimum heights of storeys in certain districts. Perhaps I may be permitted without impropriety to say that with the assistance of Mr. Wright, of the Building Authority, I have drafted a section for the purpose of lessening the height of storeys in districts and I think we may reasonably hope that within a short space of time we may see this amendment placed upon the statute book of this Colony. (Applause.) Another point which was suggested to the Government was enquiry into the possibility of using "pise de terre" or other cheap materials for building. As you are probably aware, gentlemen, there has been a good deal of correspondence in the local papers the housing problem being as acute in Great Britain as here, upon the subject of cheapening the cost of building. The other two points which are referred to in the report fully explain themselves and I don't think I need add anything to what is stated there with regard to them. With regard to the membership of this Association, as you will see from the next paragraph of the report, we have acquired 32 new members during the past three months, and eight old members have rejoined on returning to the Colony. The Hon. Secretary asks me to state that in case some of these old members returned to the Colony may have been overlooked, he will be glad if old members returned to the Colony would send in their names to him. The present membership of the Association, as you will see, is 201 and the Committee hopes that members of this Association will assist by enrolling new members; and the Hon. Secretary will be glad to supply application forms for membership. With regard to the accounts, you will find on the last page of the report a statement of accounts. I think it explains itself. We had rather heavy expenses last year in connection with the hire of the City Hall for the big public meeting, and advertising, but nevertheless we finished the year with a substantial cash balance of \$174.30, as against \$231.49 with which we started. As you know, the subscription of this Association is only \$1 a year, and I think it would be of great assistance to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Williams, if you would kindly, as soon as possible after this meeting, send in your subscription to him without it being applied for. It would save the Hon. Treasurer a certain amount of sending round to collect the sum of \$1 from each member. With these remarks, gentlemen, I beg to move the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts. I shall be glad if some member will kindly second that.

Mr. F. A. Joseph seconded, and the motion was carried "nem. con."

Election of Officers.

The Chairman announced that the past business was the election of a President for the ensuing year.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley proposed the re-election of the Hon. Mr. Pollock. Mr. E. P. Shroff seconded, and the motion was carried "nem. con."

The Chairman: I am much obliged to you, and I hope before we meet again this time next year that we shall have received some news from home favourable on the subject of constitutional reform. (Applause.)

Mr. C. G. Alabaster was unanimously elected Vice-President on the motion of Mr. C. A. da Rosa, seconded by Mr. D'Almada.

On the election of Hon. Treasurer the chairman said he was sure they were very grateful to Mr. Williams for the work done for the Association in the past and Mr. Williams was good enough to say that he would allow himself to be put up again as Hon. Treasurer and therefore he begged to move that Mr. Williams be Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

This was seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried "nem. con."

With regard to the Hon. Secretary's post the Chairman said he was very sorry to inform them, and he was sure they would be very sorry to hear, that Mr. Dowbiggin, owing to his being about to go away shortly from the Colony, was unable to take up the post of Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year. He was sure they felt that the Association was very much indebted to Mr. Dowbiggin for his work as Hon. Secretary. (Applause.) He was glad to be able to tell them that they had secured an Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year in Mr. L. M. Whyte and he moved that he be elected.

Mr. W. A. Dowley seconded and the motion was carried "nem. con." Mr. Whyte expressing his pleasure in accepting office.

With regard to the Committee the Chairman said that Mr. Wilkinson was going home shortly and did not wish to be re-elected.

The remainder of the committee was re-elected with several additions the committee being: Messrs. J. P. Braga, A. G. Coppin, J. L. Crockett, W. J. Crawford, C. Montague Ede, Andrew Forbes, D. Harvey, C. H. P. Hay, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Messrs. A. R. Lowe, D. K. Moss, J. Owen Hughes, Evan Ormiston, W. L. Pattenden, J. A. Plummer, S. D. Setna, Frank Smyth, D. V. Stevenson, D. Templeton, F. B. L. Bowley, W. A. Dowley and F. A. Joseph.

Publicity. The Chairman: Gentlemen, we come to the end of the regular business of which notice has been given in the advertisement, and I shall be very glad if any member wishes to make any remarks if he will kindly do so, to help the incoming committee with reference to the policy of the Association.

Mr. Leo D'Almada suggested for the consideration of the incoming committee that whenever any communication of importance passed between the Association and the Government it should be published, as was done by the Kowloon Residents' Association.

The Chairman said he quite agreed with the suggestion. Of course the difficulty about the communication he recently received from the Government on the housing question was that it partly dealt with matters of a confidential nature. He had submitted certain information which he obtained confidentially.

Mr. Almada remarked that people had been under the impression that the offer of loans for building purposes had come from the Government unasked, whereas it really was prompted by the Association, to which congratulations were due.

The Chairman said that the suggestion would be carried out where practicable.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said it was to Mr. Pollock that they owed the Association, which was formed in consequence of the turning down, without any concession whatever, of a petition which was got up by Mr. Pollock. This year he hoped to see the efforts of the Association crowned by the granting of that Constitutional Reform which they desired so fervently that they had placed it in their name, as in their objects.

The vote was carried with acclamation. Mr. Pollock expressed his thanks and the meeting then terminated.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS.

St. Stephen's College held its annual sports at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The meeting had been carefully arranged by the students under the direction of Mr. F. A. Britton, the sports master, and they thoroughly deserve the success attained.

In asking Mrs. Lander to distribute the prizes Rev. W. H. Hewitt, headmaster, said that he was sure he was only voicing the sentiments of all the students when he said he was sorry this was the last annual sports meeting at which they could expect Mrs. Lander's presence as she and Bishop Lander were about to leave the Colony. He wished them bon voyage and, to use a Chinese expression, many thousands of years of prosperity in future.

Mrs. Lander then presented the prizes.

Mr. Britton presented a silver photo frame to Mrs. Lander. Bishop Lander said that he had been asked by his wife to express her very cordial thanks to the College for the present which he and Mrs. Lander would preserve as a pleasant memento of their association with the College. He had had the privilege to act as chairman of the College Council for nearly 13 years. He might say that in his diocese no school could more easily be looked after than St. Stephen's College. The College had a very able and efficient staff of teachers, generous supporters among the Chinese and also keen sportsmen in the students. Sir Frederick Lagard once remarked that he not only desired the College to affiliate with an University in England but he desired the College to be affiliated with an University in Hongkong and he believed that this was the first public utterance about Hongkong University. So St. Stephen's College could claim to be the birthplace of the idea of Hongkong University.

The results follow:

Junior 120 yards: 1. Wan Wai-chai; 2. Wong Boon-hin; 3. Ma Hin-lee.

Senior 120 yards: 1. Chin Hon-chun; 2. Hing Hui-ching; 3. Mak Mok-bing.

Small Boys' 100 yards: 1. Lim Seow-chuan; 2. Lim Seow-chong; 3. Fan Chi-sun.

Junior 220 yards: 1. Wong Boon-hin; 2. Wan Wai-chai; 3. Ma Hin-lee.

Senior 220 yards: 1. Hing Hui-ching; 2. Chin Hon-chun; 3. Mak Mok-bing.

Small Boys' Mathematics race: 1. Fan Chi-sun.

100 yards (open): 1. Wan Wai-chai; 2. Chin Hon-chun.

Junior quarter mile: 1. Wong Boon-hin; 2. Hui Han-lay; 3. Lim Chong-kin.

Senior quarter mile: 1. Chin Hon-chun; 2. Hing Hui-ching; 3. Chan Hing-yung.

Old boys' race (220 yards): 1. Chin Hon-chun; 2. Ng Shu-heng; 3. Fung Mau-sui.

Egg and spoon race: 1. Lo Kwong-hin; 2. Lim Seow-chong.

Junior half mile: 1. Wong Boon-hin; 2. Hui Han-lay; 3. Ma Hin-lee.

Senior half mile: 1. Mau Kwok-ping; 2. Chan Hing-chung; 3. Chin Hon-chun.

Putting the shot: 1. Chan Hing-chung; 2. Mak Kwong-hing; 3. Hing Hui-ching.

One mile (open): 1. Wong Hing-tung; 2. Hui Han-lay; 3. Wong Boon-hin.

Sack race: 1. Chin Hon-chun; 2. Lim Chong-kin; 3. Wan Wai-chai.

Relay race: 1. Form IV A.

Tug-of-war: Form III.

PANAMA FLIGHT ACCIDENT.

Panama, Feb. 26.—Lieutenants Vaughan and Forman, American Army airmen, were killed at Aguadulce in a flight from Panama to David (200 miles west of Panama). The aeroplane fell, crushing the airmen. Nine other aeroplanes continued their flight safely.

CRICKET.

A WILTS MATCH.

A friendly match between Headquarters, 2nd Wiltshire Regt. and Band, 2nd Wiltshire Regt. was played at Happy Valley on Wednesday, resulting in a win for Headquarters by 57 runs.

Appended are the scores:

HEADQUARTERS	
Pte. Brown, c. Disspain, b. Woodward	3
Cpl. Nangan, b. Woodward	3
Pte. Murrant, c. and b. Woodward	24
Pte. Street, b. Woodward	1
Rd. Mr. Eaton, b. Harris	5
Pte. Dobson, c. and b. Woodward	5
Pte. Bassett, c. Blake, b. Miller	11
Pte. Clarkson, c. Way, b. Smith	31
Cpl. Bull, lb.w. b. Smith	31
Pte. Meek, b. Woodward	0
Pte. Turner, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	116

Bowling	
Woodward	O. M. R. W.
Smith	9.1 1 31 6
Miller	2 0 13 2
Harris	2 0 6 1
	10 1 44 1

HEADQUARTERS	
Pte. Harris, c. and b. Murrant	13
Pte. Smith, b. Brown	59
Sgt. Holdman, retired	49
R.Q.M.S. Miller, b. Eaton	21
Pte. Way, run out	10
Pte. Woodward, lb.w. b. Eaton	9
R.S.M. Blake, lb.w. b. Murrant	1
Cpl. Disspain, c. Dobson, b. Murrant	8
Ct. Sgt. Alderton, c. Eaton, b. Murrant	4
Lce. Cpl. Appleby, not out	2
Lce. Cpl. Clapham, b. Murrant	0
Extras	0
Total	183

Bowling	
Murrant	O. M. R. W.
Eaton	7.4 0 59 5
Brown	8 1 30 2
Langman	9 0 38 1
Clarkson	4 0 29 0
Bassett	2 0 11 0
	2 0 9 0

Bassett bowled 2 wide balls.

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FOOTBALL.

The following have been selected to represent the Army against the Navy on the Club ground on Saturday, April 17th, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.: Dr. Green, Wilts; Gr. Frampton, R.G.A. and Cpl. Hopper, R.A.S.C.; Gr. Hewood, R.G.A.; Cpl. Gordon, Wilts; and Lt. Donovan, R.G.A.; Pte. Walker, Wilts; Br. Watson, R.G.A.; Cpl. Menham, Wilts; Sgt. Townsend, R.E. (Capt.) and Pte. Amor, Wilts.

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Mr. A. V. Prigarin, the known Promotor of the ALL-RUSSIAN ZEMSTVO COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet and Captain D. A. Lukhmanoff, Russian Volunteer Fleet Agent at Nagasaki, has been nominated General Manager of the Russian Volunteer Fleet for the Far East and Executive Director of the above-mentioned Board. (Ordinances of the Provisional Government Nos. 167 and 71 dated March 25, 1920.)

With the establishment of the legal Board of Directors within Russia, the former Board, which expatriated themselves taking seat in Constantinople and since acted arbitrarily at their own discretion and with unjustifiable irresponsibility before the State, is declared invalid by the Provisional Government.

The right and capacity of all Russian Volunteer Fleet Representatives abroad acting on behalf of the above deparitized Board would not be recognized by the present legal Board at Vladivostok and the Russian Volunteer Fleet, as a National Establishment, would not hold any responsibility for their acts after this declaration.

All banks, concerns, and individuals standing in business connection with the Russian Volunteer Fleet are hereby earnestly warned not to pay any amounts owed by them to the Representatives of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, as furnished with the authorization of the Board of Directors at Vladivostok.

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Capt. D. A. LUKHMANOFF, Executive Director of the Board.

NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern. Mr. N. D. Fedoroff, Russian Volunteer Fleet Agent at Nagasaki, acting Agent for Central Japan, by virtue of Art. 14 of the Constitution of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, is discharged from his office by the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet.

The dismissal of Mr. N. D. Fedoroff has been legalized by the Minister of Trade and Industry of the Provisional Government (The Zemstvo of the Littoral Provinces).

In consequence of this the Russian Volunteer Fleet warns all banks, concerns, and individuals against Mr. N. D. Fedoroff's acts on behalf of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, for which acts the Russian Volunteer Fleet would not bear any responsibility after this announcement.

On all questions arising from the contracts, agreements, obligations, etc. already signed by Mr. N. D. Fedoroff, as the Representative of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, the parties interested are invited to apply at once to the duly authorized Executive Director of the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet.

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Treasurer's Office of Macao 3rd April, 1920.

(Signed) PLINIO TINOCO, Treasurer.

NOTICE.

The interest and responsibility of Mr. John Whyte Cooper Bonner in our Firm ceased on 31st March, 1920.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. Hongkong, 12th April, 1920.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

PROPOSED AVIATION CLUB FOR HONGKONG.

A Meeting will be held in connection with the above at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, on Tuesday, 20th April, at 5 p.m.

The Meeting is not confined to members of the Chamber, and anyone interested in Aviation matters is specially welcome.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary. Hongkong, 13th April, 1920.

NOTICE.

The Captain, Owners, or Agents of the United States Shipping Board Steamer "Lake Farrar" will not be responsible for any debts incurred by any members of the crew of said vessel.

United States Shipping Board. By The Robert Dollar Co. Agents. By RAY E. GUNN, Manager.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1920.

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, April 14th.—TEA DANCING From 4 to 7 p.m. DINNER DANCE From 8 p.m.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

The 2nd GYMKHANA MEETING OF THE SEASON will be held at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, the 17th instant commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half Price.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE NATIONAL BENEFIT ASSURANCE CO. LTD.

(Incorporated in England)

Having been appointed Fire and Marine Underwriting Agents to the above Company we are prepared to issue Policies at current rates.

UNION TRADING CO. Prince's Buildings Hongkong, 10th April, 1920.

NOTICE.

Re. Estate of the Late R.J. White Chinese M. Customs.

Canton.

NOTICE is hereby given that any persons having claims against the Estate of the late R. J. White, who died at Shamshien, Canton, on the 23rd of February last, 1920 are required to send particulars of such claims to the undersigned before the 1st of May 1920, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment before the aforementioned date.

No Claim will be met after the 30th April 1920.

J. A. BULLIN, Power of attorney for Mrs. A. M. White.

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Shamshien, Canton.

NOTICE.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local Examinations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that these examinations will commence on MONDAY, July 12th, 1920.

Forms of entry and all particulars can be obtained on application to the Registrar, The University, Hongkong.

Each entry form, duly filled in, must reach the Registrar, together with the fee (Ten dollars, Hongkong Currency) on or before 3rd May, 1920.

The following Scholarships will be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination, provided that candidates of sufficient merit offer themselves.

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Candidates who secure a King Edward VII or President's Scholarship must enter the University on the day on which the University session opens and must reside in one of the hostels directly managed by the University.

The examinations will be conducted according to the Regulations for the Senior and Junior Local Examinations and for the Matriculation Examination 1920.

N. TEESDALE MACKINTOSH, Registrar.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1920.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1920.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

A few days there was made public the fact that the Government of Soviet Russia had thrown out to the Chinese Government a peace offer on very attractive terms, but there was no definite information to hand regarding what those terms actually were. In conjunction with this item of news, we learned yesterday that the so-called Education Party in Peking has been urging the Government to recognize the Soviet Government, but that in answer to such a request the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has issued a circular suggesting that as other Powers have not yet recognized the Russian Government there seems to be no reason why China should take the first step.

Such a matter is extremely interesting and it is now made all the more so by the publication in the *London Times* yesterday of the full text of the offer that was made on the part of Russia—an offer that would be tempting in the extreme if it could be considered at all. The offer is couched in a very fraternal spirit and begins by stating how the workmen and peasants of Russia have thrown off the yoke imposed upon them by the old aristocracy and how they are liberating the people "from the yoke of militarism and from foreign gold which smothered in enslavement the people of the Orient among whom the Chinese people occupy a prominent place." Having repudiated all desires for conquest and justified the recent actions in Siberia, the communication offers a peace which "should be founded upon the reciprocal renunciation of the acquiring of territory, of every contribution from every people whether large or small, wherever they may be against all other nations, that each nation should be free in its internal life, and that no power should hold back by force workmen or peasants." And then there is indulged in a little warped history which goes back to 1895, and the statement is made that in 1918 the "Allies took the Government of Peking roughly by the throat, bribed heavily the mandarins and the Chinese press, and forced the Chinese Government to refuse to enter into relations with the workmen and peasants' Government of China." There are also interesting allegations against Japan and America, especially in connection with Manchuria, and the Note tries to pour as much discredit on the Allies and all other foreign Powers as possible. But one can afford to pass over such statements. The most interesting part of the offer is in regard to the terms, the main of these being that China shall annul all her treaties with the Allies, that Russia will cancel her Boxer indemnity, that she will restore without any compensation the Chinese Eastern Railway, the mining and forestry concessions and all other privileges which "have been seized by the Tsar's government, the Russian ex-Generals, lawyers and capitalists." And then after further explanations and reiterations the note winds up:—"If the Chinese people at the instance of the Russian people wish to become free and to avoid the fate which has been reserved for them by the Allies at Versailles, which is to make of their country a second Korea or another India, they should make a fight for liberty with the workmen and peasants of Russia, and the Red Army. The Soviet Government offers to the Chinese people an opportunity to establish official relations and asks them to send their representative to the front of our Russian army."

It certainly makes interesting reading and leaves the reader open to many reflections. Whilst tempting in many ways, it is impossible in others and that fact is doubtless recognised by the powers that be in Peking, who have fallen back on the excuse that there is no reason why China should set a lead in a matter that concerns many other nations besides herself. But there is just the possibility that those to whom wisdom and caution is not given will only look at the material terms of the offer and, irrespective of any influence on the question of Chinese-Ally relations, will try to force the hand of the Peking Government in the direction of an acceptance. So many other interests have a stake in the matters mentioned that such a peace offer becomes almost ridiculous. The only thing we can hope for is that Chinese statesmen will be guided to ignore it, at least until the Allies themselves have seen fit to make peace with Russia themselves.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

THE C. R. A.

There was nothing particularly outstanding about last evening's meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association. Two questions practically monopolised the Chairman's speech—the form of the Colony's Legislature and the housing problem. In regard to the first, Mr. Pollock was able to announce that H.E. the Governor was sympathetic on certain of the Association's aspirations and that there is prospect of an early realisation of at least some measure of reform. That is so much to the good, though we doubt if even the Association expects the granting of the main demand—an Unofficial majority. Incidentally, when constitutional reform is conceded, will the Association not have to find a better name for itself? After all, constitutional reform is only one of its aims, and when this has been secured there will still be much work left for this body to do. Mr. Pollock's references to the Kowloon Residents' Association were most sympathetic, and it is gratifying to feel that the C.R.A. is quite prepared to leave Kowloon matters in the hands of the K.R.A., knowing that the latter body is fully alive to the needs of the peninsula. It is true, as Mr. Pollock said, that when it comes to investigation of cases of alleged profiteering in rentals, involving an analysis of complicated figures, much time has to be taken up in the task. These things cannot be disposed of in a day. But it is satisfactory to know that the Kowloon Association is going thoroughly into cases brought to its notice, and we hear that it is giving most detailed attention to certain instances regarding which it has been petitioned by tenants. No doubt its efforts will be fully disclosed when the representations to the Government reach a stage of finality.

OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

In regard to serious cases of fire Hongkong cannot boast of immunity therefrom any more than other crowded cities can. We have a Fire Brigade which in point of equipment and efficiency can cope with the most serious cases, and in these respects is second to none in the Far East. In the matter of the arrangements under which it works, however, there is room for improvement. We have in the Brigade a staff of regular native firemen, who, when attending fires, are practically under the guidance of the European section of the Brigade. With the exception of the Superintendent and his "staff," these Europeans are not, properly speaking, regular firemen but are merely members of the Police Force who have this work of fire-fighting allotted to them in addition to their ordinary duties. It would not matter much if these men were stationed permanently in the Brigade's Headquarters, but as they are not, we have to think of the amount of precious time lost whilst they have to make the distance from their quarters to the Fire Station, when they respond to an urgent call. Our personal notice was drawn to a recent instance when the firemen had to make their way to Headquarters as best and as quickly as they could by running all the distance from the Central Police Station.

BETTER STATION NEEDED.

When we think of the amount of time thus wasted—minutes which might mean the saving of lives—the query naturally arises as to whether it is not time that the present system should be abolished, and a separation effected of the duties of the policeman and fireman, by the appointment of regular European firemen to deal only with cases of fire. In the outlying districts, which are remote from the Brigade Headquarters, the present system may be continued with good results, so far as it calls for a prompt attendance on the scene of the outbreak by the men from the local Police Station, pending the arrival of reinforcements from the Fire Station. Apropos of this matter our attention has been drawn to the lack of adequate accommodation in the Central Fire Station for the Europeans. The building is of an antiquated style of architecture, which does not tend to the comfort of the men nor permit of a well-ordered arrangement of the equipment or its effective operation in response to a call. Some prospect of relief is held out in the report that the F.V.D. is on the look-out for a convenient site whereon to build a new and commodious Fire Station. We trust that when this comes up for consideration, if not before, the necessity of regular European firemen will be recognised and measures taken for the appointment thereof.

DAY-BY-DAY.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY WILL INCREASE IN RATIO TO YOUR INCREASED KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

We are informed that the claim by Mr. B. Basto against Dr. Ozorio has been settled by the latter paying the full amount.

The health return for yesterday shows one case each of small-pox, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese, and the last-named occurrence was fatal.

By the Messageries Maritimes vessel, *Sierra Ventana*, there arrived this morning 1,326 members of the Chinese Labour Corps, who are returning to their homes from Marseilles.

The river gunboat *Glowworm*, which was to have gone to the China Station, has been selected to proceed to the Danube for patrol duties. She will be commissioned this week by Captain J. F. Warton, C.M.G., who will be in charge of the Danube flotilla.

There is to be a "Musical" at the Helena May Institute on Monday, the 26th instant, open to members and their friends. Tea will be served, at a nominal charge, between 4 and 5 o'clock p.m. Members are kindly requested to book their tables in advance, through the Matron.

To-morrow's Pictorial Supplement will contain groups of the Leslie Smith-Moxon wedding, Hongkong's Police Officers, the Shaikwan Police Staff, St. Joseph's College football team, and a picture of H. E. the Governor presenting Military Crosses to Lieut. Welford and Subadar Alim Sher.

The Western District has suffered from a prevalence of highway robberies for some weeks past. The latest case occurred yesterday, when an Indian watchman had his arms and legs secured by the miscreants, who came upon him unawares, and stole his overcoat as well as a sum of \$1.20 from his person.

It is announced that the Rev. N. Teeddale Mackintosh is to preach at the evening Service at Union Church next Sunday. Mr. Mackintosh, who is Registrar of the University of Hongkong, is an ordained Clergyman of the Anglican Church. His appearance in Union Church pulpit is a sign of the broader spirit of fellowship which since the war has been manifested among the Home Churches.

A report is to hand of an armed robbery at Yaumati last night, when five men, entered No. 455, Reclamation Road, and after having threatened the tenants with knives they made away with a quantity of jewellery and clothing stolen from the place. Following the perpetration of crime the Police put in some smart work in the tracing of the robbers and the recovery of almost the whole of the stolen property. One of the men was arrested, and it is expected that a similar fate will overtake the rest of the gang.

Another big haul of opium was effected by Chief Revenue Officer Wildin yesterday. Over 300 lbs. of the drug in the raw state came into the Revenue Department's possession as the result of a search on a junk at Mongkok. The mistress of the vessel was detained by the searchers, pending the decision of the Court as to whether a conviction could be established against the woman for being in possession of the drug, it being stated by Mr. A. F. Hall, for the defence, that the cargo of grocery goods, amongst which the drug was found concealed, was put on board without the mistress being cognisant of the presence of the drug. At the Court Mr. Wildin this morning said that a quantity of the opium was hidden in a number of bags which in turn were concealed in a compartment in the cockpit of the vessel. The case has been remanded.

commodious Fire Station. We trust that when this comes up for consideration, if not before, the necessity of regular European firemen will be recognised and measures taken for the appointment thereof.

EXPLOITING CHILD LABOUR.

POLICE COURT PROSECUTION.

The employment of children in manual labour was the subject of an interesting case which was heard before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Police Court this morning. Those of us who are all too familiar with the sight of Chinese women and children labouring under heavy earth-loads on the way to the Peak in an endeavour to obtain a living that is precarious at all times, considering the low scale of wages obtained for this class of work, will be glad to know that through the efforts of Dr. G. E. Aubrey a stop will be put to this practice so far as the efforts of the Police and the benevolent intentions of persons like Dr. Aubrey can prevent it.

Three Chinese women, earth-carrying coolies, were charged with cruelty to their children by allowing them to carry loads of earth up the Peak Road, it being stated that the loads were of such weight as would cause harmful effects to the health of the children in the long run. Two of the children in question were eleven and thirteen years of age respectively.

Whilst coming down the Peak Road yesterday morning, Dr. Aubrey saw the women and their three children labouring under loads of earth and lime which were being taken up the Road. The load which one of the children had to carry evidently proved too much for his strength. He was crying in a way which compelled the doctor to investigate the matter. The Police were telephoned to, and subsequent enquiries were made which revealed the practice under which this class of labourer is recruited by the contractors. In the present instance the earnings of the coolies were regulated by the amount of matter they could carry to their destination. This has given rise to the natural desire of the adult coolies to supplement their winnings by the assistance which they may be able to obtain from those of their children who are able to shoulder the bamboo pole and accompanying baskets. A rate of 16 cents was given for a picul in the present case, by the sub-contractor who was responsible for the recruitment of labour for the work in question, and it is stated by the Police that he was in a position to know that the coolies would endeavour to swell their earnings by the help of children.

The load carried by one of the children, according to the estimate of Dr. Aubrey and the Police, weighed 60 lbs. and the suffering which the children had to undergo at their work may be judged from a statement by Dr. Aubrey that he could not carry what the children attempted to do. A prolonged continuance of this work could not fail, he informed the Magistrate, to bring on harmful results to the health of the children, and if it did not actually kill them while young, would seriously compromise their health for the rest of their lives.

In relating the reasons for bringing up the case, the Assistant Superintendent of Police (Mr. T. T. King) said that he found the loads were too heavy for the children to carry. There was no intention of asking the Magistrate to inflict a heavy penalty, but he wanted to make the case public and, incidentally, to draw the attention of the parents of the children to the fact that the practice was not allowed.

Mr. N. L. Smith concurred in the remarks of Dr. Aubrey and the A.S.P., and said that the only measure that could be taken for the prevention of such cases was legislation. The boys were working to earn their own living and they would suffer from hunger were they to cease doing so.

Dr. Aubrey gave medical opinion of the harmful effects to their health which the children were being subjected to. He remarked that it was disgraceful that the children were allowed to carry such weights, and he wanted to draw the Magistrate's attention to the fact that the sub-contractor was fully cognizant of the fact that the coolies would endeavour to swell their earnings by the assistance of the children, and in this connection. The women in question were not entirely to blame. What should be done was to punish by fines the contractors and others who engage these little children.

Mr. Smith said he quite appreciated the fact that Dr. Aubrey was justified in bringing the case

P. & O. COMPANY.

REBATES ON FREIGHT.

The following circular has been issued by the P. & O. Company, dated London, April 1st:—

To those exporters from Japan (including Formosa), China (including Manchuria), and Hongkong to Europe, or to ports via Europe, who, from 1st May to the 31st October next, may have found it to their interest to confine their support and shipments during that period, to the Peninsular & Oriental Line, we shall be happy to allow a rebate of seven-and-a-half per cent. on the freights contributed.

To those who, on the 30th April 1921, may have found it to their interest to so confine their support and shipments during the previous twelve months to the said line, we will allow a further two-and-a-half per cent. on freights contributed up to 31st October 1920.

To those who, on the 30th April 1921, may have found it to their interest to confine their support and shipment during the preceding six months to the said line, we will allow a rebate of seven-and-a-half per cent. on the freights contributed.

To those who, on the 31st October 1921, may have found it to their interest to so confine their support and shipments during the previous twelve months to the said line, we will allow an additional two-and-a-half per cent. on freights contributed during the six months ending 30th April 1921.

Until further notice, shipments made by the "O.S.S." "M.M." "East Asiatic Company of Copenhagen" (including steamers of the Norwegian, Africa and Australia Line to Scandinavian ports only), "Russian East Asiatic Steamship Company of Petrograd," "Swedish East Asiatic Company of Gothenburg," "Nippon Yusen Kaisha," "Glen," "Shire," "Ben," "Mutual," "Ellerman," "Osaka Shosen Kaisha" and "Lloyd Triestino" Lines, shipments by direct steamers to Black Sea ports, and full cargoes of lumber from Japan, will not invalidate claims for the above.

No "returns" will be payable on freight contributed by cereals and oils from Manchuria, rice, silk and treasure, the produce of Eastern Archipelago transhipped at Hongkong, nor on any cargo the freight upon which may be arranged at a "net" rate.

Exporters applying for the returns, which will be payable in London, on and after the 1st January 1921, 1st July 1921, and 2nd January 1922, respectively, must fill up and sign forms which can be obtained from the Agents.

Exporters failing to apply for returns within three months after the conclusion of each rebate period forfeit their claim thereto.

TRADE MARK CASE.

PROSECUTION WITHDRAWN.

The trade marks prosecution brought by Messrs. Loxley and Company against a Chinese was withdrawn at the Police Court this morning, on the application of Mr. H. L. Denny who appeared for the complainants.

Mr. Denny said that the defendant had given him full information of where he obtained the soap which bore the trade marks of the firm, and in respect of the unauthorised usage of which the charge was brought. The man also revealed the sources of distribution. Apparently the goods had passed through the auctioneer's hands and various other channels. The complainant did not want to press the case as he had signed an undertaking not to do it again, and had also tendered an apology. He also had consented to hand over the soap to the complainants. Mr. Denny asked his Worship for an order authorising this.

Mr. Smith said he could not give such an order as he had not heard the case. The case was withdrawn and the defendant discharged.

to the notice of the Court. It seemed to him that no good could be secured by the infliction of any hardships on the women, because there many children employed in hard labour in factories and other places which did not come before the public eye.

Mr. King expressed the opinion that a warning to the women would meet the case, because he was sure that on their discharge from the Court they would discuss the matter with other coolies.

His Worship concurred. The women were discharged with an appropriate caution.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES.

A POLICE RESERVE PLEA.

We have received the following for publication:—

Sir,—I noticed in your columns last evening a note about an intended Police parade, when medals will be presented for long and meritorious service. This set me thinking of another parade which was held on the Murray Parade ground when the Hon. Mr. (Lord) Sevens presented ribbons (said to be medals) for "real meritorious service during the war."

The medals supposed to have been presented on that and a former occasion have never yet reached those to whom they were supposed to have been given, and the ribbons are not worth the bit of brass over which they are sewn, as far as reward of service is concerned, neither can the holders of same wear it as they have no medal to attach to it. The boasted certificates, which the Hon. Mr. Sevens said were to be given to each H. K. P. Reserve man as soon as the D.S.P.R. returned, appear to have been presented only a very few persons and those only who were leaving the Colony. Now that the Police Reserve have been wholly disbanded, and all their equipment returned, it is high time those concerned saw fit to carry out their part as faithfully as those who merit the reward did theirs, and for this purpose another parade should be called for at the Central Station and the medals and certificates given to all those who are entitled to them. The "orders" and "mentions" have been delivered with all pomp; why not the lesser, but equally valued honours? Could H.E. manage this?

Thanking you in anticipation for occupying so much of your valuable space.

Yours etc.,

JUSTITIA.

Hongkong, April 16, 1920.

COMING AUCTION.

OF OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING.

There have been rumours afloat that the old Post Office building would not be put up to auction for another year.

We made enquiries from the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, this morning on the subject, and were told that the Government intend selling this building by auction at a very early date. As to whether it will be auctioned in one lot or many small ones, he could not say. A definite announcement, we expect, will be made regarding this building very shortly.

As we have previously announced, there are a large number of prospective applicants for the site and it is reported the Asiatic Petroleum Company may make a bid for the whole site. The Asiatic Petroleum Company is now housed in York Building, and although it occupies the whole of one floor this is not sufficient for its needs. Should the Company secure this plot, a very imposing structure will no doubt go up, which would be a credit to the Colony.

A number of offices housed in the old Post Office Building are moving elsewhere as sites are secured, owing to the uncertainty of the tenure.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

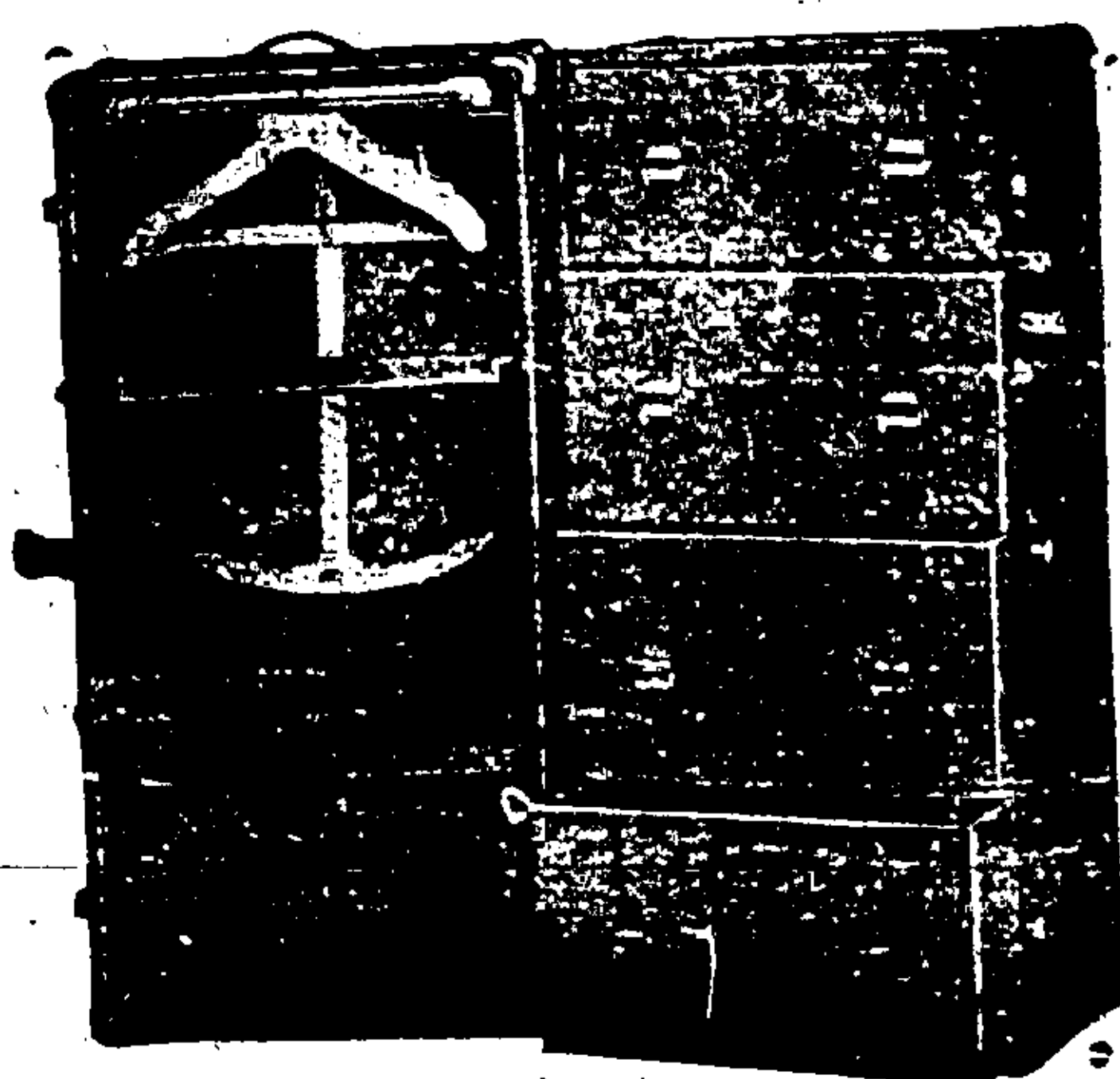
The chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, who in his annual report complains "that the Minister of Pensions has grabbed our office and refuses to give it up," and who gently chaffs the Archbishop of Canterbury for his "not unattractive enthusiasm for mummies," is, as may be supposed, rather an unconventional civil servant. A quarter of a century ago George Stuart Robertson was the most enviable man at Oxford. He took a "double first," was half a dozen different kinds of "scholar," including Ireland, Craven, and Eidon; carried off the Chancellor's prize for Latin prose and the Gifford prizes for Greek verse and prose. For three successive years he won the "hammer" at the "Varsity sports." At the Olympic Games at Athens in 1896 he threw the discus and composed and recited a Greek Ode. Not a man to be bound by the verbal and verbose traditions of Whitehall.

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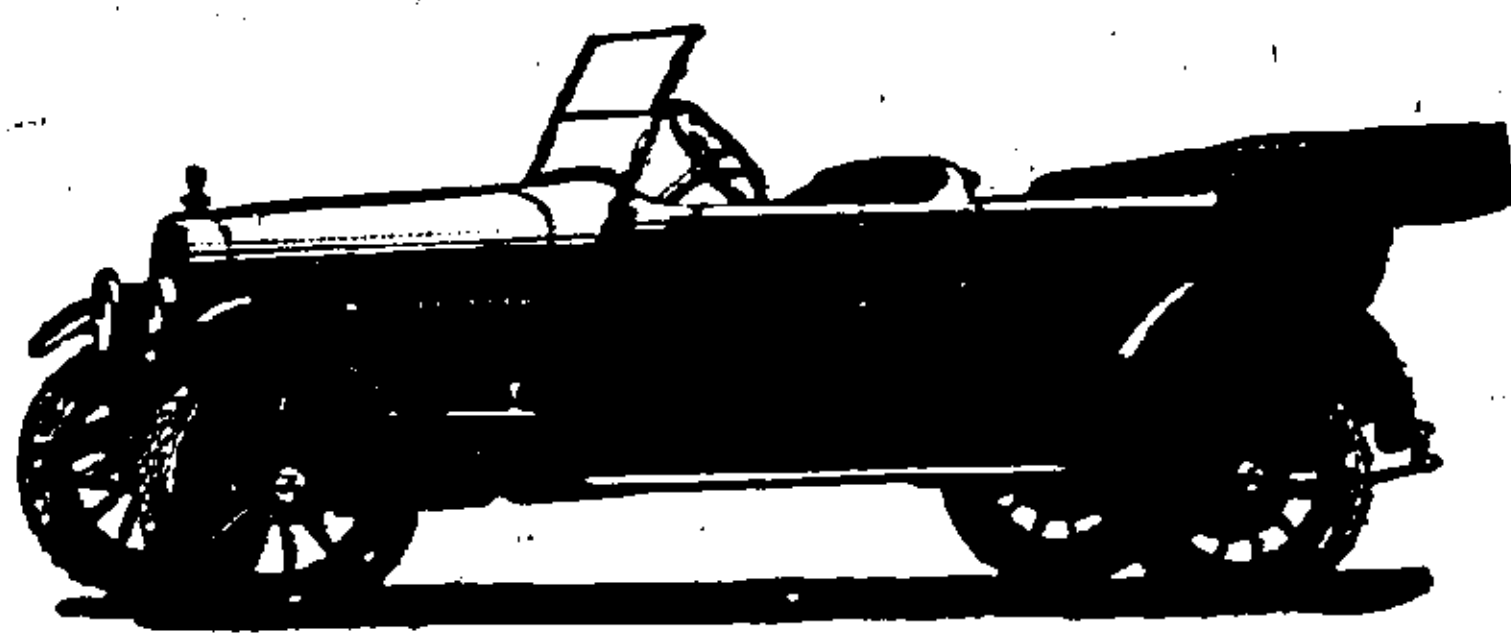
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KOWLOON NOTES.

(BY "THE FERRYMAN.")

The Kowloon Residents' Association, in supporting a candidate for the Sanitary Board election, started a new fashion locally. In future, any elections that we may have will be invested with fresh interest, inasmuch as the precedent now set will not doubt be again followed.

It is no use denying, of course, that some disappointment is felt by those who took an active interest in Mr. Clark's candidature at the fact that he was not returned. Yet, on the other hand, to be able to come within 27 votes of the total secured by a well-known public man, on a poll of close on 400, is nothing to be ashamed of.

All the same, Mr. Clark should have been returned. And he would have been, had Kowloon people done their duty. I have been looking down the Jury List and have been astounded at the number of Kowloon people eligible to vote. Yet, Hongkong sympathisers included, only 164 people took the trouble to support the Kowloon candidate. It should have been quite easy for Kowloon alone to poll three hundred votes.

If I thought that hard words would shame some of these Kowloon slackers into evincing an interest in local affairs, I should let myself go. But I suppose it would be wasted effort. What I would like to say, though, is that the smallness of the voting is a very poor and tardy expression of thanks to the Kowloon Residents' Association, which backed Mr. Clark.

This Association has only been in existence a few months, yet already it has done quite a lot on behalf of Kowloon residents and is still hard at work on pressing problems. The officers and committee men give their services freely and have nothing to gain excepting participation in the general betterment of conditions of living on the peninsula which the Association hopes to bring about. Yet when the public has a chance of racking this body up by sparing five minutes to register a vote, a mere handful respond. There's ingratitude for you!

Still, Hongkong appears to have been just as lethargic as Kowloon. Comparatively, we have done all right, but we can do better—far, far better. Kowloon has a big part to play in the Colony in the future. To those who scoff at the idea, my advice is just: "wait and see."

Beyond this question of the election, there has been very little of interest to Kowloon happening since my last notes. There is therefore very little about which to write.

I notice that the Chairman of the Tramway Company yesterday made reference to the question of trams for Kowloon, saying that the Company is quite prepared to carry out the undertaking. Mr. Johnstone spoke of a previous report that the Government might carry out the project, but said that nothing had since been heard of the matter. I don't know what sources of information are open to him, but I have heard that the Government is not likely to bother with such a big undertaking.

That some new means of communication is needed in Kowloon there is no doubt, but whether trams or motor-buses are best is a matter for experts. Certain is it that something must be done to open up outlying areas for building purposes.

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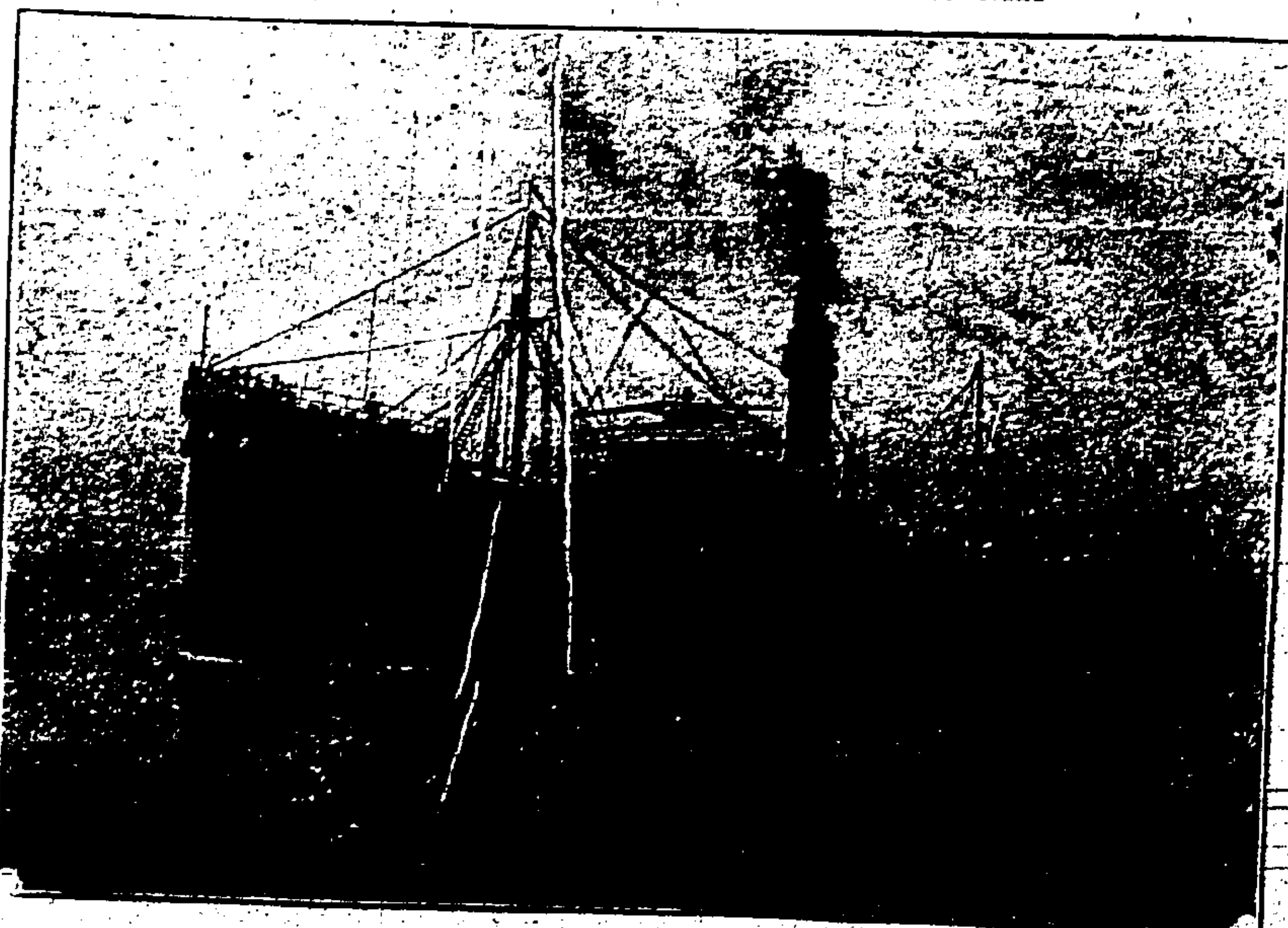
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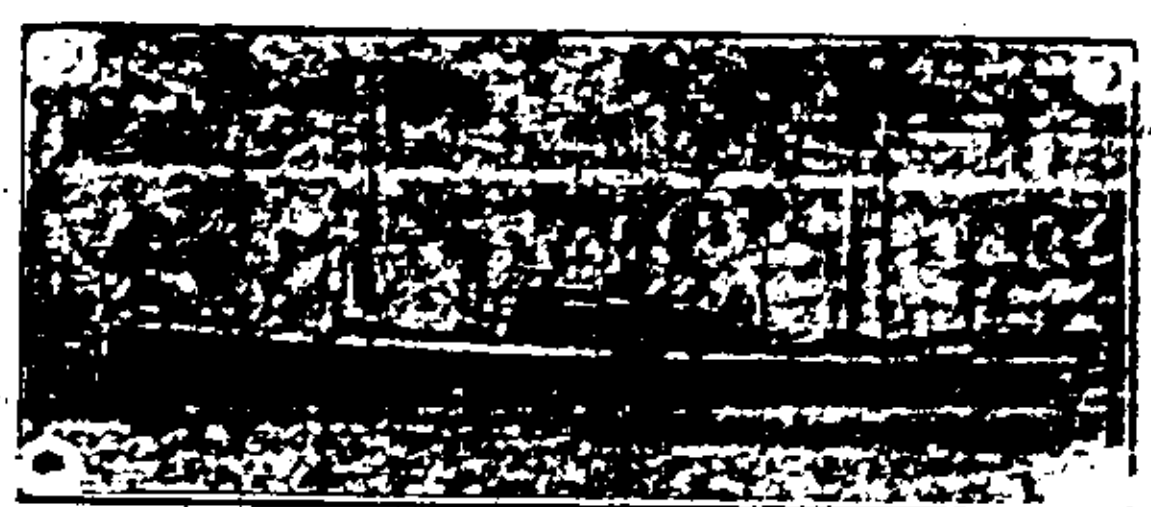
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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
KOBE	Yatshing	Sun., 13th Apr. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fooksang	Mon., 19th Apr. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Taksang		Tues., 20th Apr. at 8 a.m.
TIENTSIN	Chipsing	Tues., 20th Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Fookshing	Wed., 21st Apr. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kwaisang	Thur., 22nd Apr. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Tues., 27th Apr. at noon.

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SHANGHAI, WEIHAWEI	Yunnan	17th Apr. at d'light.
and NEWCHWANG	Chenan	17th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Hupei	17th Apr. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Hupei	17th Apr. at 10 a.m.
HONGKONG	Taikee Wan Yi	18th Apr. at 9 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Linan	18th Apr. at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG	Kailong	18th Apr. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Luchow	20th Apr. at 10 a.m.
AMOY, SHAI & PUKOW	Suiyang	20th Apr. at 4 p.m.
TIENTSIN	Huichow	22nd Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	22nd Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Teau	24th Apr. at 4 p.m.

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Steamships	Captain	Leaving
Haiphong	W. C. Passmore	SAT. 17th Apr. at 3 p.m.
Halching	A. H. Stewart	TUES. 20th Apr. at 1 p.m.
Moialia	E. L. Walker	FRI. 23rd Apr. at 1 p.m.

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"CITY OF COLOMBO"	via Suez	13th May.
"EURYMACHUS"	via Panama	27th May.
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The s.s. KAIPING, from Ching-wan, brought yesterday 2,350 tons of coal.—Mooring, B 31.

From Yokohama the KHIVA, brought 5,400 tons of general merchandise for Hongkong. She had 70 1st-class passengers on board and 48 bags of mail.—Mooring, A 1.

The WOLLOWRA, came in this morning from Wuhu with 29,653 bags of rice or, roughly, 2,800 tons, for Canton.—Mooring, B 2.

From Saigon yesterday the French vessel, TA TON-TSE, delivered 800 tons of rice and flour for Hongkong.—Mooring, C 43.

The SIERRA VENTANA, one of the vessels belonging to the Messageries Maritimes, delivered here from Marseilles this morning no cargo.—Mooring, A 2.

From Copenhagen via Singapore the Danish Motor ship SIAM, whose agents are the Holland Trading Company, brought here this morning 7,325 tons of general merchandise.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

The BURMA MARU, an O. S. K. vessel, delivered here yesterday from Kobe 5,864 tons of chestboard, beer, and matches, for Singapore and elsewhere, and 440 tons of copper ingot, window glass, porcelain and general merchandise for Hongkong.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

The YACHIYO MARU, came yesterday from Chingwanan with 1,497 tons of coal and 29,500 packages of firebricks.—Mooring, C 34.

From Singapore the SADO MARU, belonging to the N. Y. K. fleet, brought 5,519 tons of general merchandise, for which 5,000 tons are for Japan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. AKI MARU, consigned here yesterday 3,978 tons of wool, flour and lead for through ports and 1,042 tons of similar commodities for Hongkong. She came from Melbourne via Manila. She had on board 128 deck passengers.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

From Wuhu the Chinese vessel SHINPING, delivered 2,300 tons here for Canton.—Mooring, C 40.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KITANO M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 20th March and is expected here on the 25th April.

The R.M.S. MONTEAGLE arrived at Yokohama on April 9th, left there April 9th and is due at Vancouver on April 23rd.

The N. Y. K. s.s. INABA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 9th April and is expected here on the 19th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SUWA M. (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Manila on the 11th April and is expected here on the 24th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSUO M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 9th April and is expected here on the 29th April.

The P. & O. s.s. MADRAS left Moji for this port on the 13th inst. and is due here on the 17th inst. at about evening.

The N. Y. K. s.s. RANGOON M. (Calcutta Line) left Moji for this port on the 13th April and is expected here on the 18th April.

The P. & O. s.s. KHIVA left Shanghai for this Port on the 13th instant at 7.30 a.m. and is due here on the 16th instant at about 5 a.m.

The American & Manchurian Line s.s. KALEMBE left Singapore for Manila on 13th April and may be expected here on the 24th instant.

The Ben Line s.s. BEN-CLEUCH left Antwerp & Leith, left Singapore for this port on 4th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about 20th April.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA arrived at Kobe, on 14th April, left there 15th April, and is due at Yokohama on 16th April.

TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



PRINCE GEORGE OF GREECE.

who is to marry in the future, the most beautiful Princess of Europe—Princess Elizabeth of Rumania.



AMERICA'S WAR MEMORIAL.

The new amphitheatre at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, which is to be dedicated at an early date in honour of the U. S. Service men killed in the World War.

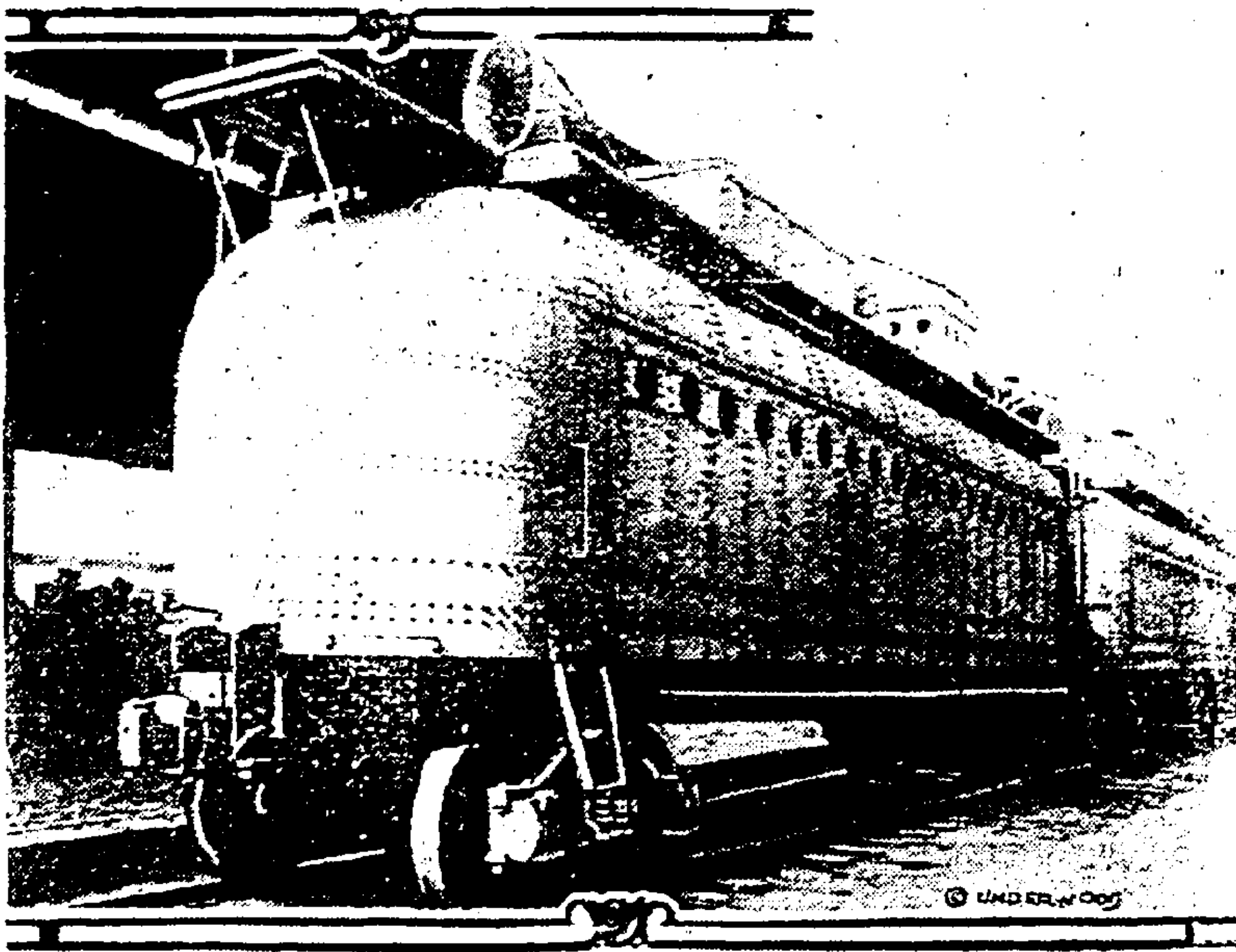


ROMANIAN PRINCESS. Princess Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of the King of Rumania, and by many considered the most beautiful princess in Europe, who is soon to be married to Prince George, the elder brother of the King of Greece.



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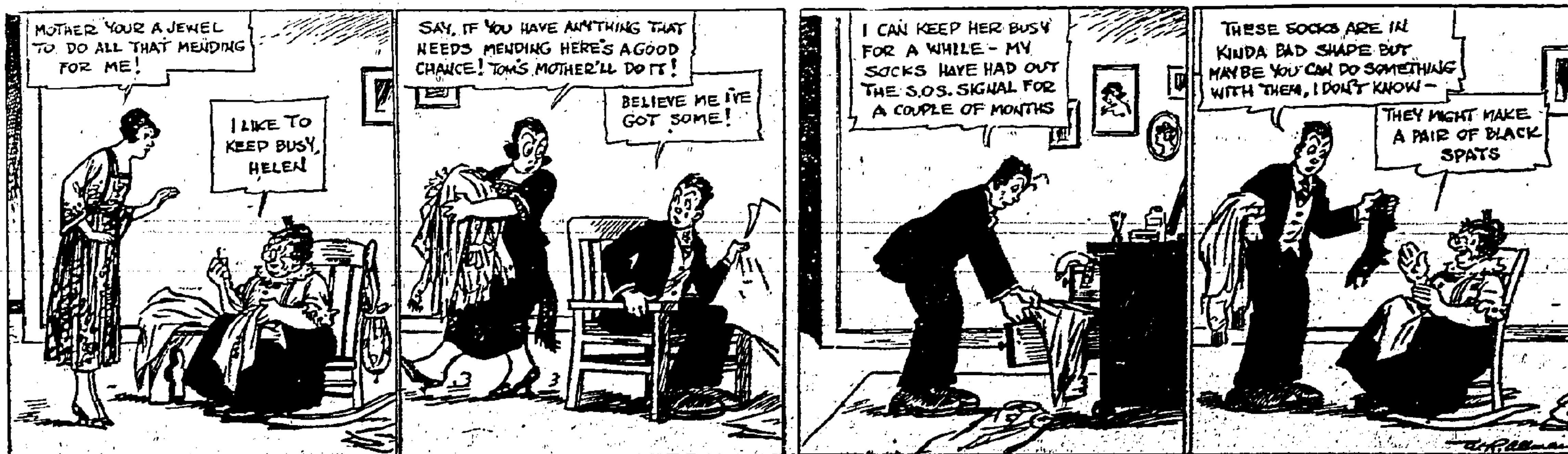
SIGNOR MARCONI.

A recent photo of Signor Marconi, who states that mysterious signals evidently from a great distance, are being received by the Marconi instruments are being discussed by leading wireless experts.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Too Late to Mend Wilbur.

BY ALLMAN



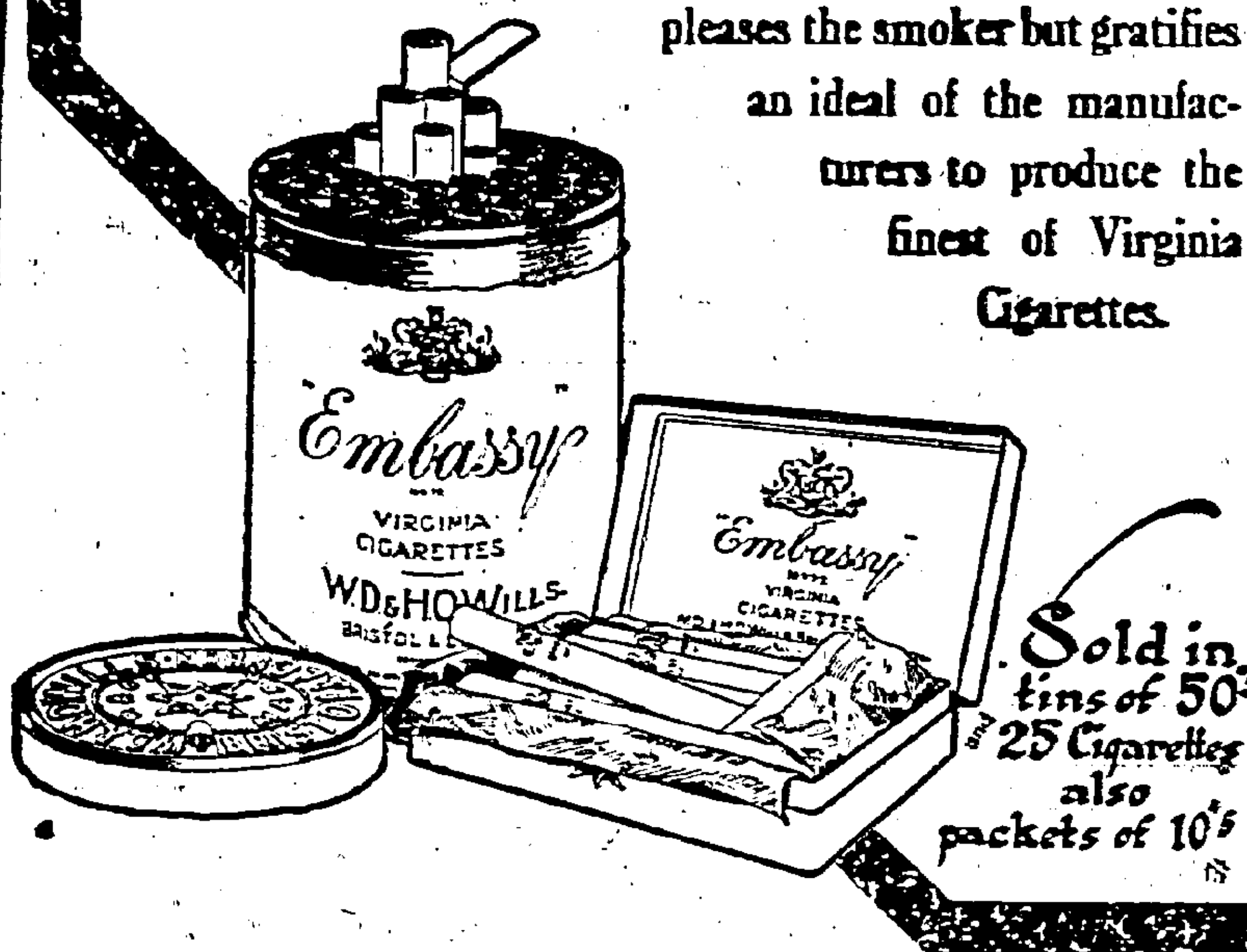
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Cantons	n. 445
North Chinas	n. 140
Unions	b. 130
Yangtze	n. 230
Far Easterns	n. 19
Fire Insurances.	
China Fires	n. 138
H. K. Fires	b. 295
Shipping.	
Douglases	b. 79 ex div.
H.K. Steamboats	b. 23
Indos (Prof.)	n. 20
Indos (Def.)	b. 210
Shells	n. 205
Ferries	b. 23
Refineries.	
Sugars	n. 134
Malabons	n. 41
Mining.	
Kailans	n. 130
Langkats	b. 17
Shanghai Loans	b. 17
Shai Explorations	b. 1
Ranba	n. 55
Tronohs	n. 32
Ural Caspians	n. 32
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves	b. 84
K. Docks	n. 153
Shai Docks	n. 130
N. Engineerings	n. 127
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
Centrals	n. 107
H.K. Hotels	n. 124
L. Invest.	n. 105
H. Hays Est.	n. 7
K'loon Lands	n. 50
L. Reclamations	n. 133
West Points	n. 53
Cotton Mills.	
Ewoe	n. 1715
Kung Yiks	n. 157
Lau Kung Mows	n. 1425
Oriental	n. 1310
Shai Cottons	n. 1340
Yangtze Spins	n. 1475
Miscellaneous.	
Cements	n. 650
China Borneo	n. 17
Do. Light old	n. 715 new b. 545
China Providents	n. 740
Dairy Farms	b. 234
Electric H.K.	n. 85 c. r.
Electric Macao	n. 34
Hongkong Ropes	n. 25
Hk. Tramways	b. 590 ex div.
Peak Trams, old	n. 545
Do. new	n. 80 cts.
Steam Laundries	b. 4
Steel Foundries	n. 10
Water-boats	b. 12
Watsons	n. 6
Wm. Powells	n. 15
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Hongkong, 16th April, 1920.

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T/T Java	230
T/T Marks	Nom.
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4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	15.45
6 m/s. France	15.53
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Demand, New York	91 1/2
T/T Bombay	201
Demand, Bombay	—
T/T Calcutta	201
Demand, Calcutta	—
Demand, Manila	187
Demand, Singapore	200
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On Saigon	Nom.
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Mon. 12	11:15	5:15	Mon. 15	11:15	5:15
Tues. 13	11:15	5:15	Tues. 16	11:15	5:15
Wed. 14	11:15	5:15	Wed. 17	11:15	5:15
Thurs. 15	11:15	5:15	Thurs. 18	11:15	5:15
Fri. 16	11:15	5:15	Fri. 19	11:15	5:15
Sat. 17	11:15	5:15	Sat. 20	11:15	5:15
Sun. 18	11:15	5:15	Sun. 21	11:15	5:15

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Japan—Per MADRAS, 17th Apr.
Manila—Per WEST NIGAR, 17th Apr.
Japan—Per RANGOON MARU, 18th Apr.
Shanghai—Per SUNNING, 19th Apr.
U.S.A., Japan and Manila—Per SUWA M., 24th Apr.
Straits—Per KITANO M., 26th Apr.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.
Shanghai and North China—Per SIERRA VENTANA, 17th April, 8 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per HUPEH, 17th Apr., 9 a.m.
Java & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TUBODAS, 17th April, 10 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay & Aden—Per DILWARA, 20th April, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 20th April, noon.
Amoy, Shanghai & North China—Per SUYANG, 20th April, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 22nd April, 11 a.m.
Tientsin—Per HUICHOW, 22nd April, 11 a.m.
FRIDAY, 23RD APRIL.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per MORIALTA, 23rd Apr., noon.
SATURDAY, 24TH APRIL.
Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 24th April, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, 25TH APRIL.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per KHIVA, 17th April, Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 16th April, at 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HATHONG, 17th April, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 17th April, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, 15TH APRIL.
Swatow & Straits—Per LINAN, 18th April, 9 a.m.
Haiphong—Per KALFONG, 18th April, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 18th Apr., 9 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 15th, 11th. 10m.—No returns from Japan, Vladivostok and Indo-China. Pressure changes are small: a weak anticyclone is indicated over the lower Yangtze valley.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.31 inch. Total since January 1st, 6.93 inches. Against an average of 8.66 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. wind moderate; fair.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China (b.)	The same (two H.K. and Lamcocks) as No. 1.
4 South coast of China (b.)	The same (two H.K. and Hainan) as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 16, 1920

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	29.94	29.6	29.91
Temperature	65	67	73
Humidity	92	94	70
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	4	1	2
Weather	o. off	c	c
Rain	0.24	0.70	0.65
Highest open air Temperature on the 15th	63	63	68
Lowest	—	—	15.6

H.K. Observatory, Apr. 16, 1920.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

Matches played on March 6 resulted as follows:—	
SCOTTISH CUP.	
Rangers	1 Celtic
Armadale	1 Kilmarnock
Albion Rovers	2 Aberdeen
Morton	3 Third Lanark
ENGLISH CUP.	
Tottenham	0 Aston Villa
Bristol City	2 Bradford City
Chelsea	4 Bradford
Huddersfield	2 Liverpool